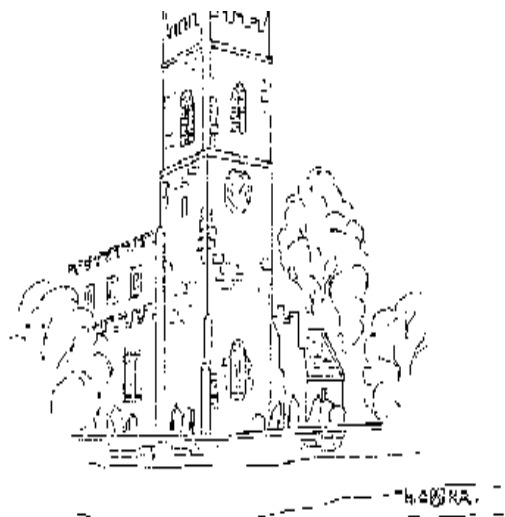
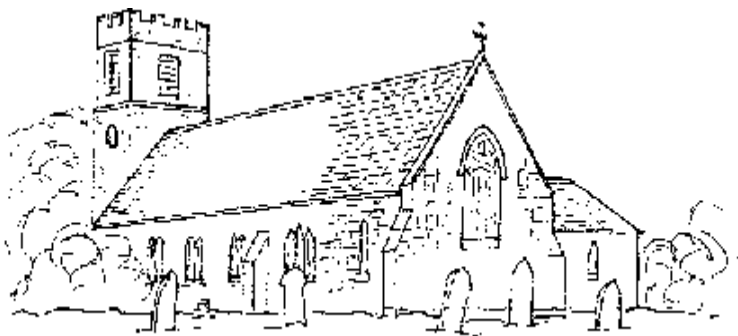


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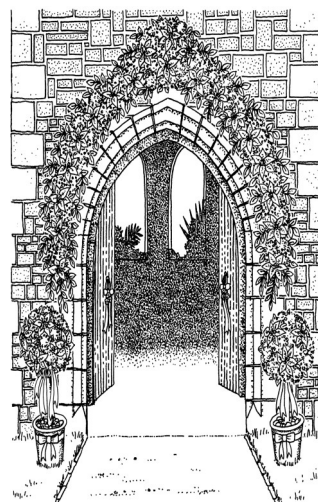


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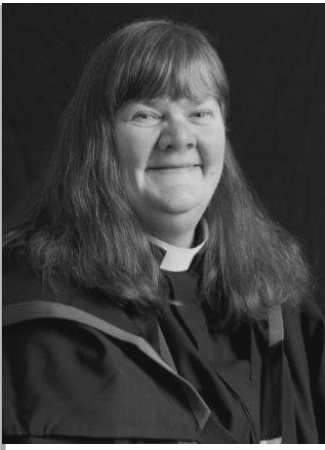
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**The copy deadline for the
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It's nearly July already!

Wedding season is finally starting, and I'm spending lots of time listening to cheesy love songs as I try to construct a wedding sermon based around their titles. Currently I have '**Hooked on a Feeling**'(1) vying with '**Just the Way You Are**,'(2) '**At Last**,'(3) and '**I will Always Love You**,'(4) as earworm of the day –but I just can't get rid of the strains of '**How Deep Is Your Love?**'(5) as the backing track to all of them. It reminds me that we like to be able to measure stuff- we like things concrete and sorted and assured. But how do you measure love? Another song comes to mind, this one from a favourite musical, 'Rent.' '**Seasons of Love**' talks about measuring

In daylights? In sunsets?

In midnights? In cups of coffee?

In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife? ...

In truths that she learned or in times that he cried?

In bridges he burned or the way that she died?

I suppose we *can* use our day to day feelings as a measuring tool for knowing how much we're loved, because 'love' is a verb as well as a noun.

So we might be able to come up with some 'measures' of our own;

Face to face; When we truly love someone, we want to spend time with them; texts, Facebook messages and emails won't cut it. It's a priority to be near them (remember '**Close to you**'?(6)). That's why successive lockdowns have been so difficult.

Side by side; Love is strengthened in partnership as '**Two Become One**.'(7) Even when we disagree, love compels us to work together, hand in hand. When someone loves you, you'll be walking side by side;

Back to back; we talk about 'having the back' of someone we love; being ready to defend and protect them, even at personal risk. We make the promise, '**I'll Stand By You**'(8)

Washing their feet; Jesus showed his disciples what love looked like in acts of service. He washed their feet, and told them to do the same, sending them –and us- out to selflessly serve others. When we serve someone for gain, we're only networking; but when we serve and ask for nothing in return, we're showing '**True Love**.'(9)

Love is a commitment, a commitment which can be sacrificial and costly. And we not only see love in romantic relationships, but in other settings; how about the sacrificial love of a parent for a child, a friend for a friend; random acts of kindness; those who risk their lives for strangers in the emergency services or at war or in time of pandemic? We see love in all of these –and of course we see it in the way Jesus laid down his life for us on the cross.

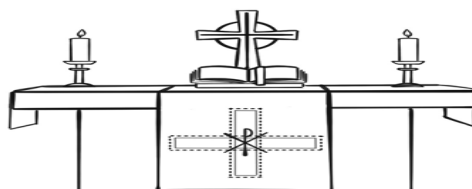
We often use St Paul's great hymn to love in Corinthians 1:13 as a reading for weddings. It talks of God's great love for us, a face to face, side by side, back to back, footwashing, selfless love;

'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.'(1 Corinthians 13:4-7). Perhaps, in this wedding season, we might try measuring our own love for others against God's love for us –and you might like to listen to this playlist as you do!

With every blessing,

Lesley

(**Playlist** -1.Blue Swede 2.Billy Joel 3.Etta James 4.Dolly Parton 5.BeeGees 6. The Carpenters 7.Spice Girls 8The Pretenders 9.Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly)



A Reflection from Pauline

A year or so ago I read a wonderful book - “Other Minds: The Octopus and the Evolution of Intelligent Life”, by Peter Godfrey-Smith. I was reminded about it when I was preparing a sermon for “Sea Sunday”, and thinking about the terrified disciples, and how in Jewish belief, the sea was almost synonymous with evil. The OT reading I selected (we had quite a choice of readings that week!) was from Job, and described God putting boundaries on the sea. To Mark’s audience, the storm which blew up on the sea of Galilee threatened the souls as well as the bodies of the disciples - all sorts of demonic horrors lurked beneath the waves, not least the Kraken, a huge writhing serpent which could not be caught, nor controlled, nor killed, and which caused the sea to “boil” as it swam past, and which even great rulers feared. When Jesus stilled the sea, he didn’t just show that “the wind and the waves obey him”, he demonstrated his power over whatever evil force had caused the storm in the first place. Only God could do this. Only God could control the elements.

But it occurred to me too, that in this present pandemic we, humankind, have awakened a Kraken. We are threatened by a twisting, writhing monster which is apparently unstoppable, which changes shape and corkscrews out of reach and appears to be impenetrable. The calm waters of our lives have erupted into terrible violence and governments are powerless in the face of it. This, and so many other problems that we, as a species, are facing, are the result of our own arrogance and over-confidence in our own “specialness”- and because we have moved away from God.

The author is a science philosopher who has a particular interest in the evolution of intelligence. He follows the development of life on earth from single-celled organisms to the incredibly rich complexity which exists today, and describes how different, specific types of intelligence emerge as a result of different evolutionary pressures and environmental experiences. His special interest is cephalopods - octopods, squid and cuttlefish - contrasting these “alien minds” with those of mammals. He chose this route deliberately, because he wanted to examine not only the type of intelligence from which our own evolved (land-based, vertebrate, mammalian), but a type as far from ours as he could (water-based, invertebrate, mollusc). Octopods, we learn, are very intelligent - as intelligent as many apes. I found the book fascinating, especially where it described the relationship which developed between a filmmaker, Craig Foster, burned out and exhausted by work and stress, and an octopus he met while recovering from severe depression. This story was later made into a documentary. ‘My Octopus Teacher’ It’s available on Netflix. I would urge you to watch it if you can - it is incredible, and very moving.

In the film, Foster describes how after encountering the octopus he began to visit every day to observe her, and how she slowly began to trust him the more he dove in and around her watery world. He filmed their interactions and became increasingly dazzled by her displays of intelligence—how she could fashion “armour” from shells and enfurl herself in ribbons of kelp to avoid predation, adjust her hunting techniques to cope with crabs, lobsters, molluscs and fish. He watched her develop all of these skills, untaught, from first principles. He related how the boundaries between them dissolved and he - a man who had never had an interest in animals other than what was on his plate - learned to become sensitised to all creatures - especially wild ones. This in turn affected how he interacted with people, making him kinder, more approachable, more patient. His personal relationships deepened.



The lifespan of a female octopus of the kind Foster met is only about 12 - 18 months. Once she has reached maturity and bred, protecting her eggs until they hatch, she dies. But that year spent observing and then interacting with her was enough time for him to be profoundly impacted by her. “I felt in my life I was getting past the difficulties I had,” he says, during the film. His eyes were opened to the vast complexity of the natural world. The octopus saved him in a way that he could never have imagined, and he showed his gratitude by founding the Sea Change Project, to protect the precious underwater kelp forests.

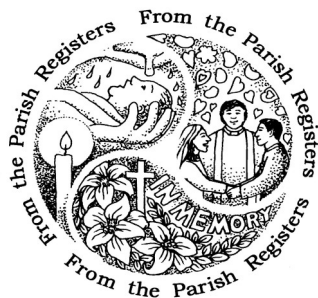
Most importantly, it brought him back to being in touch with God’s creation. This is something that so many of us, especially those of us living in cities, and away from the natural world, have lost. Where people are in close contact with nature, there is very much an awareness of the hand of God in their lives. Foster said that she taught him that we are all elements of the rich and interconnected created world - part of that world - not visitors to it, or masters over it, but interwoven in its very structure.

This is something God shows to Job: the Divine mind can’t be understood, we must just accept that all of creation is there for a purpose; every creature, every plant, every form of life has its place; everything is beloved - and when we snap the thread of a single species, the entire delicate, beautifully balanced fabric of life begins to unravel. In our arrogance, we have snapped so many fine and delicate threads . . . we have lost sight of the fact that like us, animals have deep and rewarding emotional lives. They think, they feel, and they form relationships. They, too, have God in their structure and being. The Creator is revealed in the creation. God is in all life.

As we have moved further away from direct contact with the earth and the other creatures we share it with, we have come to think that we and we alone are “special”. We have lost ourselves, and God, and as a result have unleashed some terrible things upon this fragile planet, the most recent and most awful of which, global warming and the current pandemic, are directly related to our abuse of God’s wonderful and delicately-balanced creation. We still have a chance to save it - but we must turn back to God and ask for Divine help to assume the role God originally gave us - to be stewards, and not exploiters, of creation.

Pauline Meek

Lanchester and Burnhope



Holy Baptism

20th June

Elliot James Thompson

"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

Funerals

7th June

25th June

George Walker aged 89 years

Colin Towers aged 87 years



'May they rest in peace and rise in glory'

Are you called to be our next Treasurer?

I write on an Ember Day- a day when the church prays for new vocations, whether they be lay or ordained. At present I'm praying for one particular vocation, that of Treasurer.

You see, we need a new Treasurer; and the role of Treasurer is just as essential as the role of Vicar, Reader or Churchwarden. Even Jesus needed money to keep him on the road as he healed and preached the good news and called disciples to him; and if we are to flourish then we need our accounts in good order!

The treasurer is usually an officer of the PCC and serves on the Standing Committee -but doesn't have to, so don't be put off if you're reading this and don't come to church. You can still be our Treasurer!

The main duties are;

- *To monitor all items of income and expenditure
- *To pay and record all items of expenditure
- *To keep proper books and records
- *To prepare the annual accounts each year and submit all necessary information to the Independent Examiner/Auditor
- *To assist the PCC in setting an annual budget
- *To advise the PCC of the financial position against budget at each regular meeting of the PCC
- *To provide general financial information to the PCC.

You'll also work closely with the Priest in Charge. We use a software programme tailored to the church, and can give training if needed. Producing the monthly account usually takes no more than three hours.

So if you love numbers, love Lanchester, love our iconic Parish church, and feel called to help out, please give me a call on 01207 529166!

Lesley



LANCHESTER PARISH CHURCH

9.30 –11.30

In the Church and Chapter House

Saturday

31st July

"Summer Fayre"

The Theme is

'Sunshine and Strawberries'
Cakes and Savouries, Jams and Preserves, chutneys
General and Bottle Tombola

Hand crafted goods

Online Summer Raffle

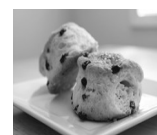
Coffee, Tea and Strawberry Scones

£1.50

Free drink and treat

for Children

Do Come and Join us



HELP PLEASE

As you will see we are planning to hold a Summer Fayre on Saturday 31st July from 9.30 to 11.30am in church.

We would very much appreciate bottles for the bottle tombola stall, prizes for the general tombola stall as well as gifts of food and toiletries for the hampers which we will be making up for the online summer raffle. Other raffle prizes would also be most welcome. Raffle prizes and hamper contributions should be given to Margaret Walters (or ring MW on 521214 to arrange collection).

If you can spare a couple of hours on the day to help with a stall or with refreshments please contact the church wardens to offer your assistance.

Church Social and Fundraising Committee

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Mothers' Union Lanchester

At our meeting in June we were delighted that 23 members were able to attend. Our next meeting on July 13th will be a short version of our normal AGM. In the last 18 months we have only been able to hold 5 meetings so the reports will be quite short. We have continued to collect toiletries and have filled bags for those admitted to hospital as an emergency. We are trying to focus on the things that we can do and not dwell on those things that could not continue during lockdown. I do hope and pray that we can avoid a further lockdown and I look forward to seeing more of our members returning when they feel able.



Eileen Matthews

Mothers' Union St John's Burnhope

We had our meeting on June 7th, the first since last September. It was lovely welcoming our members and being back to (almost) normality. Being only a small branch, we were able to sit at the recommended distances and with the patio window open. Mrs Park conducted our service, then read articles from St John's Church magazines for the year 1951. Details of the numbers in the congregations and the amount of the collections, how things have changed. We also discussed past activities of the Mothers' Union which brought back memories to some of our members. We say to you all, take care and stay safe.



Muriel Molloy

Invitation

Hello everybody I'm Chelsea, Benny's new apprentice. I have really enjoyed my first 2 months learning my way around Lanchester, and I wanted to thank you all so much for the very warm welcome you have given me at church.



The services are great, and my special mat is very comfortable, I even went to sleep in the sermon.... Don't forget Benny & I are inviting you all to celebrate Mum & Dad's Golden Wedding in the garden on July 24th. No cards or presents, just donations for the Church & our charity "Dogs for Good" Any time between 10.0am - 4.0pm at; 11, The Paddock, Lanchester.

Chelsea, & Benny, Woof.

July and August Flora

July is high summer, when the splash of red poppies are seen against the golden wheat.



"When I see a poppy lifting the crimsoned cup of its chalice high above the heads of the growing corn, that one day will be made into bread, I think of the red of the wine cup and the bread in the hand of our lord at the last supper-and bow my head in silent prayer"

extract from 'Coulson Kernahan' in the book Cottage Garden by Roy Jenders

Flowers are everywhere in profusion. Speedwell is dedicated to St Veronica (July 12) the daisy to St Margaret (July 20) and chicory to St James who shares his feast day (July 25) with St Christopher to whom the meadow-sweet, vetch and the Royal Fern are all dedicated.

Another Saints day which falls in July is St Swithin's day of which it was said

*" St Swithins day if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain.
St Swithins day if thou be fair,
For forty days twill rain no mre "*

August, heralding autumn, is harvest time and brings new arrivals. eyebright, scabious, marjoram and vervain. The sunflower has been called St Bartholomew's star (July 24) and it was said:

*" If St Bartholomew's day be bright and clear,
Then a prosperous Autumn comes that year."*

So whatever you have planned for July and August, enjoy and stay safe.



Audrey Newton

Church Flowers

July 11th D Parry, G Nichol, M Richardson.

July 18th D Davison, M King.

July 25th M Barker.

Aug 1st J Thomas, E Wharton.

Aug 15th D Leyland

Aug 29th S Waterhouse



100 Club

We are back ! The numbers for the June draw of the year were drawn by Sue and Rob and Pauline (socially distanced) The winning numbers are all £5 - 25, 150, 36, 59, 52, 9



Sue Smith and Olga Walker



All Saints Parish Church SUMMER FAIR GRAND RAFFLE

To be drawn on 31st July
**AMAZING PRIZES,
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If you'd like to help All Saints by buying a number, message Lanchester Parish church Facebook page or ring Ross on 01207 654035. Payment can be made by bank transfer, cash or cheque.
Lottery number LOTSP0061

A Summer Treat Update

Thank you all of you who opted to 'Try something different.' We have raised £200 for church funds with our G W Ts
Watch this space (or the weekly sheet) for news of further supplies.

Would you please keep any Ginger Wine bottles until we can arrange collection and storage.
This would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

PS. Empty Ginger Wine bottles can be left in Church on Sunday and Wednesday

Hazel Gaskill

Church Wives

June, a season of growth, when gardens are alive,
Colour abounds, and flowers thrive.
The darkness of a pandemic they do not know,
They just always grow and grow.
From one season to another they carry on,
Just like we must get carried along.
Never ceasing to do God's work,
Growing His Kingdom here on earth.
Wives keep on keeping on, until these days are past,
And better times return to us and 'normal' days at last.

'It's Only Rubbish'.

Almost tripping on an empty drinks can in my pathway this week prompted one of my many memories of my teaching days. Rubbish is an issue and has been for a long time but it is one for which we must all take responsibility. It spoils the beauty of nature and detracts from the environment.

As Head of Department of Religious Studies in a comprehensive school for many years I was always trying to make my subject relevant to the lives of the pupils. One of the themes I used was 'Awe and Wonder' which, teaching pupils from very mixed backgrounds, was not an easy task. Having talked over the theme to make sure the pupils understood the concept I asked them to write down a time or moment when they had felt a sense of 'Awe and Wonder'. . One pupil wrote about sledging from the top of a hill and seeing everything etched in snow, which looked very beautiful and made her gasp..

'Then' she wrote 'I saw what looked like the remains of a plastic carrier bag, wrapped around the branches of a tree and blowing in the wind. Some one had thrown it away carelessly and completely spoilt the beauty of the snowy landscape'.

I used this piece of writing to spark off a discussion about the negativity of rubbish and I like to think it led to someone thinking twice about just dropping litter on the ground. At best it was good to know that at least one pupil had glimpsed God's World as opposed to Man's World.

Brenda Craddock.

Grateful Thanks

The people of All Saints are indebted to the unstinting service of both Margaret Burt and Elizabeth Wharton, both of whom have decided to stand down in their roles as Sacristan in All Saints.

They have both decided that the enforced break which has been caused by the pandemic is a suitable time to 'hand over the baton.'

Margaret has carried out the role for over 40 years and Elizabeth for very many years for which we thank them both for their faithful commitment to our Church.

The role is being carried out currently by the Churchwardens.

The Wardens

How climate change could affect your cup of tea

Now here's something that will send you straight to your kitchen to put the kettle on: the Great British cup of tea may not taste quite so good in the future.

It seems that extreme weather and rising temperatures could lead to inferior leaves in the future, according to Christian Aid.

Kenya, the world's foremost exporter of black tea, is now affected by erratic rainfall, floods, droughts, and rising temperatures. India, Sri Lanka and China, also major tea producers, face climate change problems as well.



Climate change has been predicted by some as likely to cut production in Kenya's best tea-making areas by as much as a quarter by 2050. Even areas of only average growing conditions could see production fall by 39 per cent.

As one tea farmer in Kenya's Western Highlands, explained: "We cannot predict seasons anymore. Temperatures are rising, rainfall is erratic, often accompanied by unusual hailstones and longer droughts. If this continues, it will make growing tea much harder."

Ivy on your house is not really so bad after all

So says the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

In an effort to restore the plant's reputation, the RHS has been showcasing the species at its flagship garden in Wisley, Surrey. It hopes to set a new trend, and to get people to stop seeing ivy as 'the enemy.'

At Wisley you can now see 390 varieties of ivy, with a vast array of leaf shapes, sizes and colours. The RHS wants people to see that ivy can be an attractive and even eco-friendly addition to your home.

RHS experts say that ivy is a 'super plant' that not only has insulating benefits, but also offers habitats for a variety of wildlife, as well as being a food source for birds and pollinators during months of the year when there is very little else for them to eat.



<https://www.rhs.org.uk/press/releases/New-research-shows-ivy-is-the-most-effective-plant>

Honesty is our best policy

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. (Ephesians 4:25)

The church service has just finished, and you are about to go home to read the latest edition of the parish magazine. You parked a bit carelessly because you were in a hurry and as you drive off you feel a slight bump. You stop and see a small scratch on the car parked next to you. It is the vicar's pride and joy! What do you do? Do you drive off and hope no-one saw. Then, when you get home you have a look round your car and see a bump on the other side where someone hit *you*. As Christians we are told to be honest and admit our mistakes. When it happens to us, we feel outraged that someone could damage our property and not own up to it. When we do it to others, the right thing would be to leave a note and take care when parking next time. Honesty is the best policy. We should do to others as we expect others to do to us. If you hit another car, you can feel it and often hear an ominous noise. Sometimes it is difficult to know if you have caused any damage. People do not, of course, always act honestly. Admitting mistakes is not common in our world. A small scratch or bump can be costly to repair and who wants to lose their no claim's bonus? Sometimes it is costly to admit a mistake, but as Christians we should be as open and honest as we expect others to be. We should stand out as different to other people and have a good conscience.



Source The Parish Pump

Editors Note

We hope and trust that you enjoy the magazine which we produce for our Church Community. We trust that you all find the content of the magazine is varied and interesting.

The price of the magazine has been unchanged for a number of years and we propose to increase the price of the magazine from 40p per issue to 50p per issue or £5.00 per year for 10 issues from September.

The reason for the increase is to reflect the rise in cost of producing the magazine and we have tried to keep the increase to a minimum.

Rob Matthews Editor

Bishop challenges the BBC on its religious broadcasting

A Church of England bishop has recently called on the BBC to be more imaginative in its religious broadcasting.

The Bishop of Ripon, Helen-Ann Hartley, urged the BBC to go beyond 'preaching to the converted' to producing documentaries and dramas that challenge and inform people's world views.

Writing in a recent edition of *Radio Times*, Bishop Hartley noted that the BBC is promising 'more content than ever before' but added:

"If most of it fails to get beyond the 'God slot' normally reserved for 'Songs of Praise', what's the point, beyond keeping the faithful happy?"

Bishop Hartley chairs the respected Sandford St Martin Trust, which "promotes thought-provoking, distinctive programming that deals with religion, ethics and spirituality." By running annual awards, the Trust "promotes excellent broadcasting about all faiths, from major networks, independents and online sources, at local and national level."

In the hard-hitting article, she asked "Where are the documentaries that challenge us to rethink the world we live in? Or the dramas that ask us to re-imagine the human relationships? Instead of congratulating itself on producing more content than ever, I wonder if it's time for the BBC to ask just what *is the point of religion on the telly*, or the radio for that matter?"

Bishop Hartley described the BBC as focusing unduly on ritual "because that's what the BBC thinks religious people do or are interested in."

She said "I'm far more motivated by programmes that explore the big questions in life. You can't really understand the world and what motivates people if you're not able to interpret or understand religion."

Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley issued a strong challenge to the BBC to up its game on what the Corporation describes as 'religious broadcasting.'

She does so from an influential position, as the Sandford St Martin Trust has long championed insightful, imaginative programmes that go beyond stereotypes and superficialities to depict the role played by faith in the lives of millions of people.

She applauded the Channel 4 drama series, 'It's a Sin' set in the AIDs crisis of the 1980s, commenting

"Drama can shine a light on how generations have faced issues and challenges, many of which resonate with our current pandemic crisis. "We all have world views, the question is how much these help us understand one another, and the things that motivate us.

That's what great TV like 'It's a Sin' can do.



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The 'must have' magazine for anyone who loves Christian books.

If you care about the publication, promotion and selling of Christian books, you will thoroughly enjoy *Together* magazine. It is full of the latest news from Christian publishing houses, authors and booksellers, and full of encouragement to anyone wanting to promote Christian literature in their community.



The first issue of *Together* was published way back in February 2013, as a slender 24-page bi-monthly print-only trade magazine to resource Christian retailers and suppliers in the UK.

Eight years on, the magazine has grown to become a full-colour, quality designed, 56-page, A4 magazine available as both print and digital, with a contemporary layout and style that would not look out of place on any High Street magazine rack.

The magazine has a wide range of regular articles including *Kids Corner*, which reviews newly published Christian children's titles to the *Fiction Files* which looks at the latest publications in Christian fiction. *Together* has also recently included articles on 'Digital Marketing', 'Coping with Redundancy' and 'The Growth of Audiobook Reading'. In a recent issue there is an interview with former Chelsea footballer and now a church leader in Canada, Gavin Peacock, on his new book, *A Greater Glory From Pitch to Pulpit*.

Together Magazine is owned and published by Stephen Briars. If you would like more info, or to view a copy, please email Steve at steve@christianresourcestogether.co.uk. You could be added to the regular circulation of the digital version of *Together* at no charge.

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Smile Line

Summer is a time when families spend more time together. With this in mind...



The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.



Extracts from the Parish Magazines of July and August 1900

During the past month we have had further reasons for Special Thanksgiving Services in Church, which were hearty in the extreme – Mafeking, Johannesburg, Pretoria. The “Consett Guardian’s” account of our festivities ran as follows:-

“Extensive preparations were made for the celebration of the Queen’s birthday and the Mafeking rejoicings. A Committee met and decided to hold a demonstration. It was resolved to hold a procession, to be headed by the Cornsay Band, the procession to start from the Green at 3 o’clock, and march through the village to Fen Hall and back. Then a tea had to follow, and in the evening there were to be fireworks. Considerably before three o’clock the children began to assemble on the Green. Horsemen and cyclists, in a variety of costumes, also gathered up. Unfortunately a change took place in the weather, rain began to fall, and the children had just been got under shelter at the Assembly Hall, and the Police Station, when a violent thunderstorm broke over the district. Meantime, the children were treated to a sumptuous tea in the Assembly Hall. There were several sittings, and altogether nearly 500 children were regaled. At twenty minutes to six, the boom of a big gun announced that the procession was about to start. Led by the able Band, they were followed by the horsemen; then came the cyclists, several of the machines being most ornately decorated, and then the long line of children. Following the procession there was an interval, and later on there was a grand display of fireworks.”

During the last two or three months, as most of you are aware, great alterations have been going on in the Church; the old ceiling in the Chancel has been taken down and replaced by handsome oak cladding; the dressed masonry in the windows and arches has been exposed to view; the level of the floor at the East end, and the Altar Rails re-arranged; the heavy walling at the East end of the North Aisle removed, and opening out a chamber that has been arranged over the boiler-house for the Organ; the Organ itself cleaned and repaired as far as it is possible; the arch behind the Organ opened out, besides two windows and the ancient sedilia. Our next step is to have the Church Re-opened, and the Bishop of the Diocese has arranged to be here on Wednesday, October 3rd, to Consecrate the addition to the Burial Ground, and to preach in the Church the same evening.

Yours faithfully
George Jepson
Vicar and Surrogate

Peter Smith

From The Wardens

For the second year running the Archdeacon’s visitation and the swearing in of Churchwardens was carried out by Zoom, on Thursday 10th and Monday 14th June. Zoom is a media that we are all becoming familiar with, but not always comfortable in. I think we would all prefer to meet face to face and look forward to returning back to our traditional form of meetings, whenever it is deemed safe to do so. Sue, Doreen, Rob, and our new Warden Pauline Hall have been duly sworn in and look forward to supporting Lesley and our Congregation for another year.

As I said last month we are cautiously considering and hopefully planning social and fundraising events in church, starting with our Summer Fayre on the 31st July in Church. Obviously we shall be following whatever rules are in place at that time but we hope that it will be a success and a step along the road to more normal times.

We also are planning another Table Top Sale again in Sue’s spacious garden on 4th September which we hope will be well supported.

Work to carry out the roof repairs indicated by the Quinquennial Inspection report as requiring to be carried out within three months has been completed. All flashings have been checked to all roofs and defects in pointing rectified. Slipped slates and soakers to the porch roof have been refixed. Splits in the lead gutter above the Chancel gable have been repaired by lead burning patches to the gutter. Other sundry lead defects have been rectified. All gutters have been cleaned and left clear.

We have an estimate for repainting the corridor and staircase to the upper vestry, and also for the redecoration of the Chapter House which will be considered by the PCC at their meeting on the 15th July. The Organ dehumidifier and blower has been serviced.

Meanwhile we shall continue to ensure that the Churches continue to be maintained and safe within the guidelines to ensure that our worship is able to be enjoyed safely.



Rob Matthews for the Wardens

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LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



The positivity of last month has sadly evaporated very quickly over the course of this weekend. We have a number of positive Covid cases in school at the moment which is causing distress to children and parents alike. We left school on Friday with everything looking very positive for a 'near to normal' end of term. This quickly changed on Saturday morning with the first child testing positive. This new variant is so transmissible that we now have a number of positive cases in two different year groups.

It is heart breaking to see the children's faces when they are told they have to go home to isolate. We have tears, anger, upset and confusion – it is tragic for them all. However, there is nothing we can do but to plod on and to try to maintain as much positivity as possible for all the families.

We have had a wonderful month up until then as we took the Year 3 children to Birdoswald for their overnight residential. We were very fortunate with lovely weather during our stay with both classes and the children were fabulously well-behaved too. Every single member of Year 3 managed to go at some point during the 3 days and they all had a wonderful time.

This was followed by a number of trips for other year groups. We have had some of our Nursery and Reception children visit Roker Beach with parents and staff, Year 1 had a lovely day at Belsay Castle to support their learning and Year 2 enjoyed a great day of outdoor adventure activities at Moorhouse Outdoor Adventure Centre near Houghton-le-Spring. Our PGL residential for Years 5 & 6 hangs in the balance but as Year 6 are currently isolating, they will leave at 4am on the morning after they should have left and we just hope and pray that all of Year 5 stay fit and healthy during the week too so that they are not affected.

It is hard to believe we have less than 4 weeks left of this academic year. The whole year has been a real challenge and isn't finished yet. The support of Lesley, staff, parents and indeed the whole community has helped me to get through some really tough times this year.

It is always tough saying goodbye to our Year 6 cohort when they have been with us for so long. 7 or indeed 8 years in most, is a long time to work with the children and families and it is always a huge wrench to say goodbye. This year, as usual, whilst most children transfer to Consett Academy and St Bede's, we also have children leaving for Wolsingham, Tanfield, North Durham Academy, Framwellgate Moor, Durham Johnston, St Leonard's, Ellemore School and Durham School. They really do disperse all over the area and so it is important that we let them enjoy their last few weeks with us and ensure there are plenty opportunities for making those very special memories.

We have yet to hear what September will bring for us all – time will tell I suppose. Meanwhile, I hope you all enjoy a lovely, healthy summer and make the most of the lovely summer weather while it lasts!

Mrs Jane Davis

Head Teacher, Lanchester Endowed Parochial (Controlled) Primary School

Following

A young mother writes: It is always busy in our home, as we have four young children running about. But one particular Sunday afternoon James, my four-year-old kept following me about very closely. He was on my heels every time I turned around, and after nearly falling over him several times, I lost patience. 'Whatever is the matter with you?' I demanded. 'Why don't you go play?'

He looked up at me and said: 'This morning at church the teacher told us that we should walk in Jesus' footsteps. But I can't see Him, so I am walking in yours instead.' I gathered up my young son and felt tears in my eyes. I thanked God for this lesson I will never forget – about the value of being a living example to our young ones."

Source The Parish Pump

CHURCH RECIPE BOOK

We hope to produce a church recipe book in time for Christmas containing all your favourite recipes. Please send your recipes to Margaret Walters (preferably by e-mail but handwritten ones will be accepted if you do not use a computer)

mwalters468@btinternet.com

Ring Margaret on 521214 if you would like further details.

Please send the recipes in over the summer months so that we can get well ahead with compiling the book.

Ideas for a suitably witty title are also welcome.

Margaret Walters on behalf of the Social and Fundraising committee

Dates for your Diary July/August 2021

Sun 4th 9.15 am Said Eucharist St Johns Burnhope
Sun 4th 9.45am Service of the Word St Thomas
Sun 4th 10.30am Parish Eucharist All Saints
Wed 7th 9.45 am Holy Communion All Saints
Sun 11th 8.00am Holy Communion All Saints
Sun 11th 9.15 am Eucharist St Thomas
Sun 11th 9.45 am Service of the Word All Saints (joint)
Tues 13th 6.00pm Café Church Burnhope Com Centre
Tues 13th 2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting All Saints
Wed 14th 9.45 am Holy Communion All Saints
Thurs 15th 7.00pm PCC Meeting
Sun 18th 9.15 am Eucharist St John Burnhope
Sun 18th 9.45am Service of the Word St Thomas
Sun 18th 10.30am Parish Eucharist All Saints
Wed 21st 9.30 am Holy Communion All Saints
Sat 24th Margaret and Adrian Armstrong's Golden
Wedding celebration (tea and biscuits in the Garden of
11 The Paddock between 10am and 4pm)
Sun 25th 8.00am Holy Communion All Saints
Sun 25th 9.45 am Eucharist St Thomas
Sun 25th 10.30 am Service of the Word All Saints (Joint)
Wed 28th 9.45 Holy Communion All Saints
Sat 31st 9.30am-11.30am Summer Fayre at All Saints

Sun 1st 9.15 am Eucharist St Johns Burnhope
Sun 1st 9.45 am Service of the Word St Thomas
Sun 1st 10.30 am Parish Eucharist All Saints

Prioritising

Martha cooked
 But Mary looked
 And sat at the Master's feet,
 It's a story of old
 But we are told
 It's where man and God can
 meet.



So much to do
 But think it through
 There's a place for you and me,
 To spend time with the Lord
 And be found in His word
 It's where we are meant to be.

So find a place
 To seek His face
 Where the Lord Himself is found
 With a God who cares
 Hears all our prayers
 The place where grace abounds.

Megan Carter

Foodbank

Please don't forget those who depend on the foodbank at this difficult time. Lanchester All Saints is on service days, open for you to leave donations at present and we have liaised with the Foodbank in Consett to see how we can help. Lanchester donated over a ton of food in the year before lockdown, and many people would struggle without that generosity of spirit.

As it is difficult to collect food for the food bank we have spoken to them and they are happy for us to circulate their bank account details if anyone wants to make money donations on line.

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Cheques for Consett foodbank should be made payable to Consett Food 4U, and posted to Durham Christian Partnership, Unit 7/9, First Avenue, Drum Industrial Estate, Chester-le-Street, County Durham DH2 1AG (0191 303 8623 / 07758 400128)

The new location for Consett foodbank from Tuesday 6 April 21 is: Consett Methodist Church, Station Road, Consett DH8 5RL Their opening times remain unchanged. We keep opening times / closures and locations up to date on

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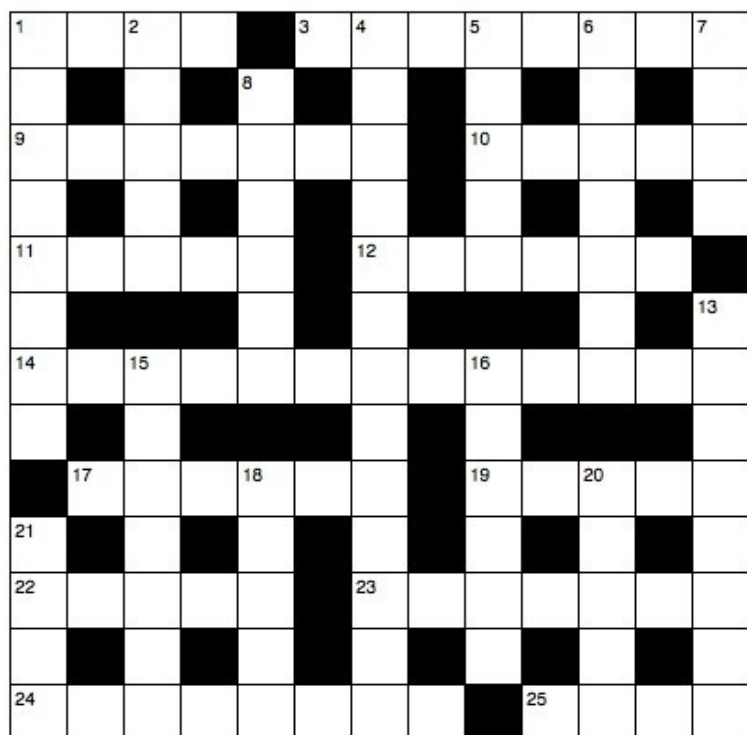
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THINK FOOD BANK

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ACROSS

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8-12) (4)
 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)
 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)
 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

DOWN

- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)
 2 Church of England incumbent (5)
 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)
 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)
 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in — ' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)
 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)
 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)
 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)
 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)
 16 Real do (anag.) (6)
 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)
 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day — ' (Romans 14:5) (5)
 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)

Time for a change

Looking at God

Tony Horsfall considers the challenge of change

I have had my walking boots for a few years now, and they have been faithful companions. We have walked many miles together during that time, on my daily walks as well as on holiday. They are partly responsible for my physical recovery after Covid-19, so they have a place in my heart. They fit me very well, and we have adjusted to one another. But they are very thin now on the soles and heels, and it is reluctantly time for a change.



So, one recent Saturday I bought a new pair. They are clean and smart, and fully waterproof. The soles are strong and new. There are no signs of wear and tear. But I know that change is never easy. They will take some time to wear in. They may rub and I may get a blister or two. Occasionally I will long for my old boots, and wonder, 'Did I make a mistake?' Hopefully, they will become as much a part of me as my old ones as we tread the miles together. But there is always a risk with something new, Isn't there?

Change is never easy in whatever form it comes. But change is inevitable because life does not stand still, and we have to keep adjusting and adapting and being open to fresh winds of the Spirit. Never more so than in these present, troublesome days.

Strangely enough as I have been meditating on this, my reading this morning (Isaiah 9) contained a reference to 'Every warrior's boot used in battle ... will be destined for burning (v5).' Oh dear. I'm sure like me, warriors were fond of their boots too and found it hard to part with them.

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Smile line



Sky at night

The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.

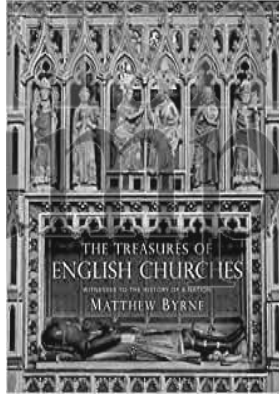
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Book Reviews

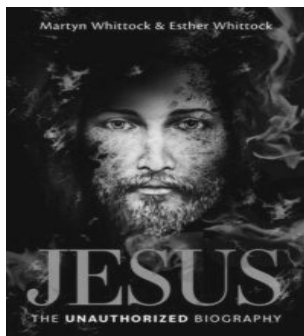


The Treasures of English Churches
witnesses to the history of a nation
By Matthew Byrne, Shire Publications,
supported by National Churches Trust,
£17.00

This book will be a sheer delight for anyone who enjoys the magnificent artefacts to be found in our metropolitan cathedrals and remote parish churches. The wide range of stunning photographs include 16th century carvings on the choir seats of a village church to iridescent stained glass windows commemorating the Second World War, to ultra-modern art in Liverpool cathedral. It is a rich selection of the best of our national church sculptures, stained-glass windows, church furniture and architecture. Together these artistic treasures trace the changing attitudes towards theology, politics and social life of Britain.



Jesus: the unauthorized biography
By Martyn Whittock and Esther Whittock,
Lion Books, £10.99



Who was Jesus Christ, and how did He make such an astonishing impact that still resonates today?

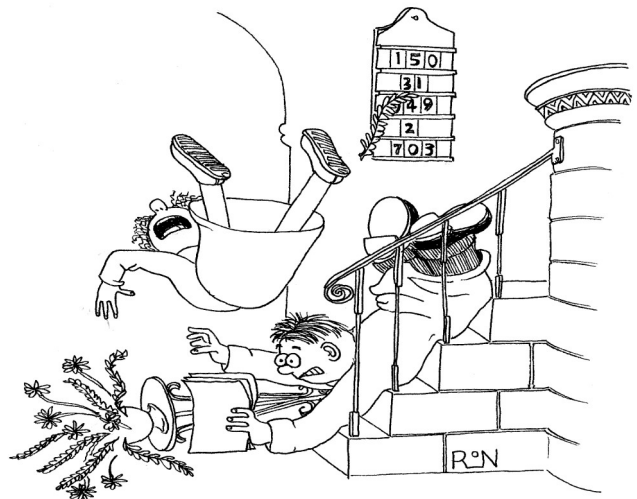
This book explores the evidence from the New Testament gospels, early church writings, the apocryphal gospels, Roman literature, and archaeology, together providing a vivid portrait of Jesus' first-century Jewish cultural context.

As well as reviewing Jesus' life and claims, the book explains questions such as why He was at odds with religious authorities; the influence of Roman occupation; the interactions with contemporary resistance movements; and the prominent role of women in His disciple community.

***Is there anything in
your life which needs
beginning again?
Anything which needs
to be made new?
Write these things
down and offer them
as prayer***



Smile Lines



*Sharing the Notices while keeping a
social distance was proving tricky.*

When we feel shaken

(Lk 10:42)

Faithful Father,
When we feel shaken by the events of the past;
when we don't know quite how to go forward;
when our confidence in what we thought we could
control is undermined; remind us that one thing is
needed – to sit at your feet and listen to You.

You are our security. You will never fail those who
belong to You through faith in Your Son, Jesus.

As we take time to listen to You, Lord, and to med-
itate on Your Holy Spirit-inspired Word, may we
know Your peace – and Your good plans for us. In
Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching





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